

Amendments to the claims

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions or listings of the claims:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide consists of a sequence that has is a fragment of the polypeptide sequence represented in SEQ ID NO: 8 having at least [[85%]] 95% sequence identity with residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8, and wherein the polypeptide inhibits the apoptotic activity of p53.

2. (Currently amended) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a fragment consisting of amino acid residues 128-224 of the sequence represented in SEQ ID NO: 8.

3. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 2, wherein said molecule is isolated from a human.

4.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is a cDNA or genomic DNA.

9.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1.

12. (Previously presented) The vector according to Claim 11, wherein said vector is an expression vector.

13. (Previously presented) A cell transformed or transfected with the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1.

14. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1.

15. – 56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has at least 97% sequence identity with amino acid residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8.

58. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has at least 99% sequence identity with amino acid residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8.

59. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity with residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8.

60. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide consists of residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8.